THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
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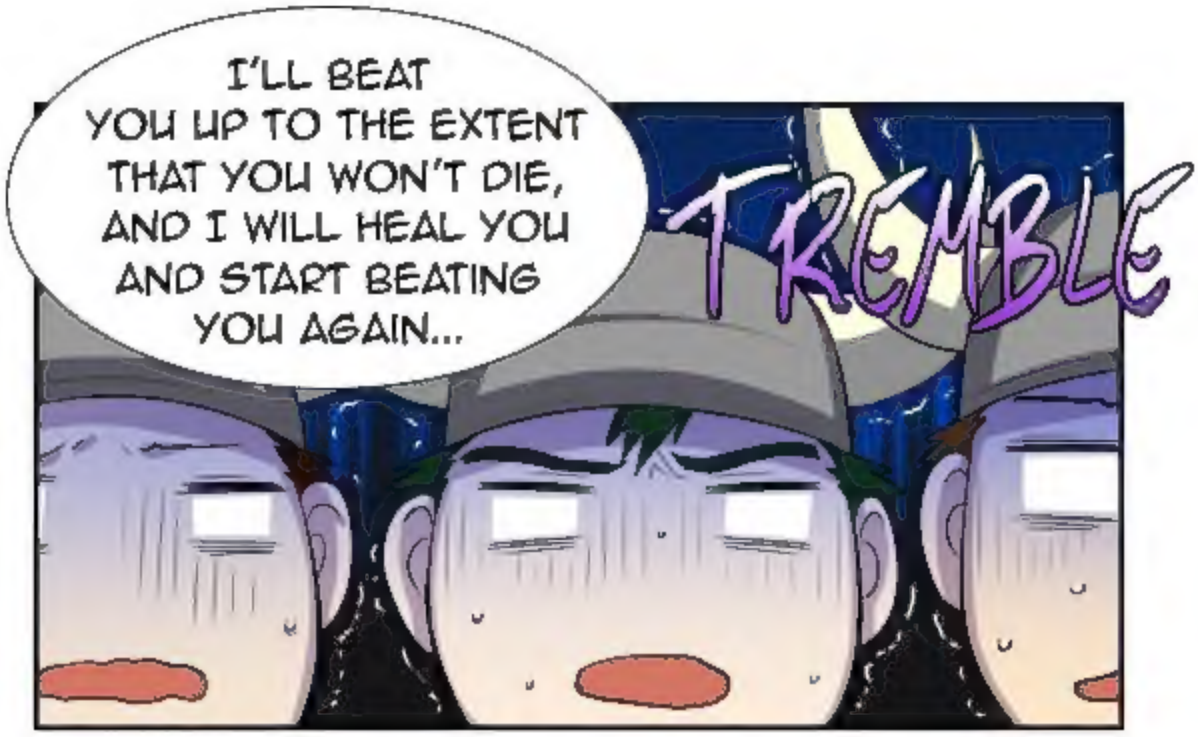
AND HERE.
PAIN STILL
REMAINS?

WHAT IF I TIE
YOU DOWN AND
BEAT YOU UP?
SHIVER


I'LL BEAT YOU UP TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU WON'T DIE, AND I WILL HEAL YOU AND START BEATING YOU AGAIN...
TREMBLE

WOW.. THAT WAS EXPLICIT.
WELL, I'M JUST TRYING EXPLAIN MY POINT.

L-LET US GO! YOU JERK! OR WE'LL REALLY KILL YOU...
WHEW, YOU GUYS ARE HOPELESS.

SSK

KSSSHHH

Y-YOU'RE A...
PRO?!

WANT TO GET HIT WITH THIS? OR WILL YOU WATCH YOUR MOUTH?
S-SORRY.

TWIRL
FLASH

AAAHHH
SWISH

Y-YOU'RE A REAL PRO.

Y-YOUNG MAN. WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU?
WELL...

BY THE WAY,

HAVE YOU BEEN EXPLORING GREAT LABYRINTH FOR A WHILE?
I'M NOT SURE IF YOU COULD CALL IT A LONG TIME...
SINCE IT'S BEEN ABOUT A MONTH.

RIGHT NOW YOU'RE LEVEL...
12

HE'S A NOOB!
THEN WHY DID HE CALL US NOOBS?

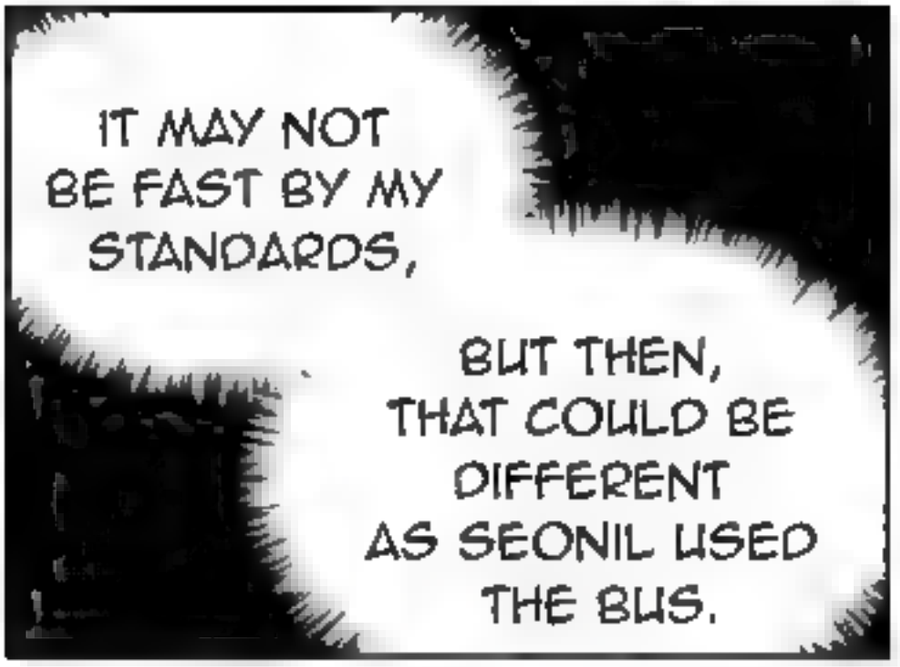
SO... DID YOU DEFEAT THE KOBOLD KING?

NOT YET. IT'S TOUGH FACING HIS ROYAL GUARDS.

SUNGCHUN, WHY ARE YOU TELLING HIM SO MUCH?

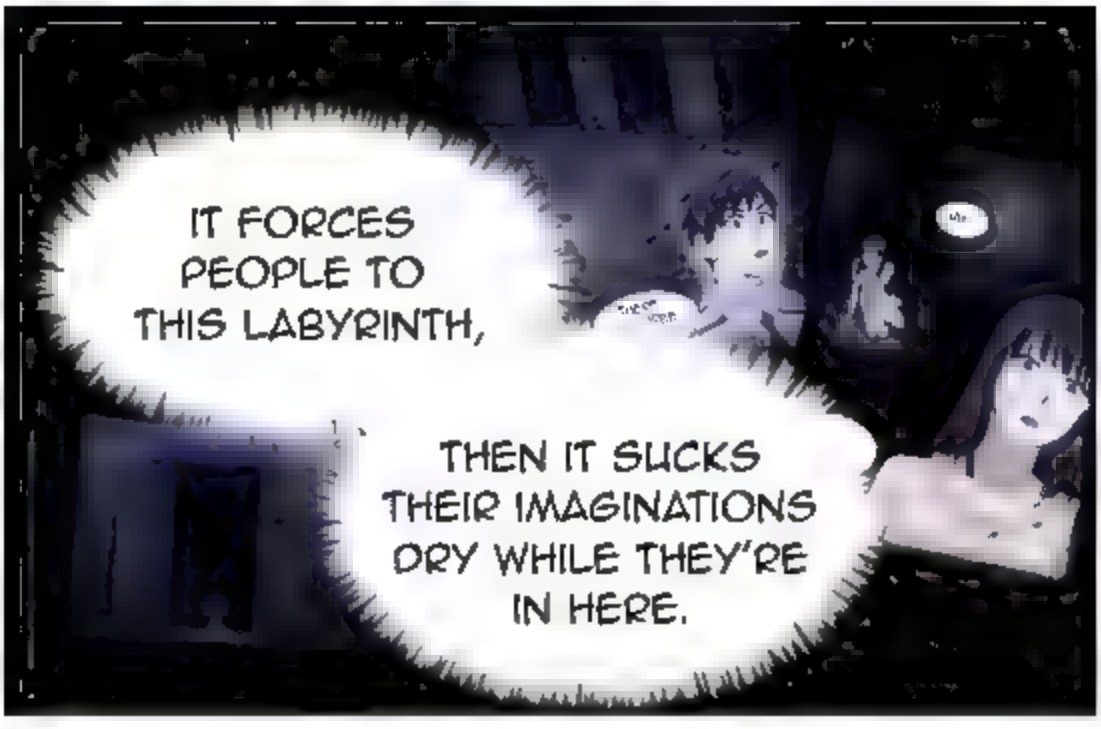
I THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD GET SOMETHING FROM HIM...
SHAKE SHAKE
CAN'T YOU TELL HE'S A PRO JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM?
WE HAVE OUR REPUTATION TO KEEP.
OUR REPUTATION WILL NOT HELP A BIT.

ANYWAY, ONE MONTH.
HE'S REACHED LEVEL 12 AFTER HUNTING IN HERE FOR A MONTH?


IT MAY NOT BE FAST BY MY STANDARDS,
BUT THEN, THAT COULD BE DIFFERENT AS SEONIL USED THE BUS.

ANYWAYS...

DOES THIS GREAT LABYRINTH EVENTUALLY IS GATHERING IMAGINATIONS?


IT FORCES PEOPLE TO THIS LABYRINTH,
THEN IT SUCKS THEIR IMAGINATIONS DRY WHILE THEY'RE IN HERE.

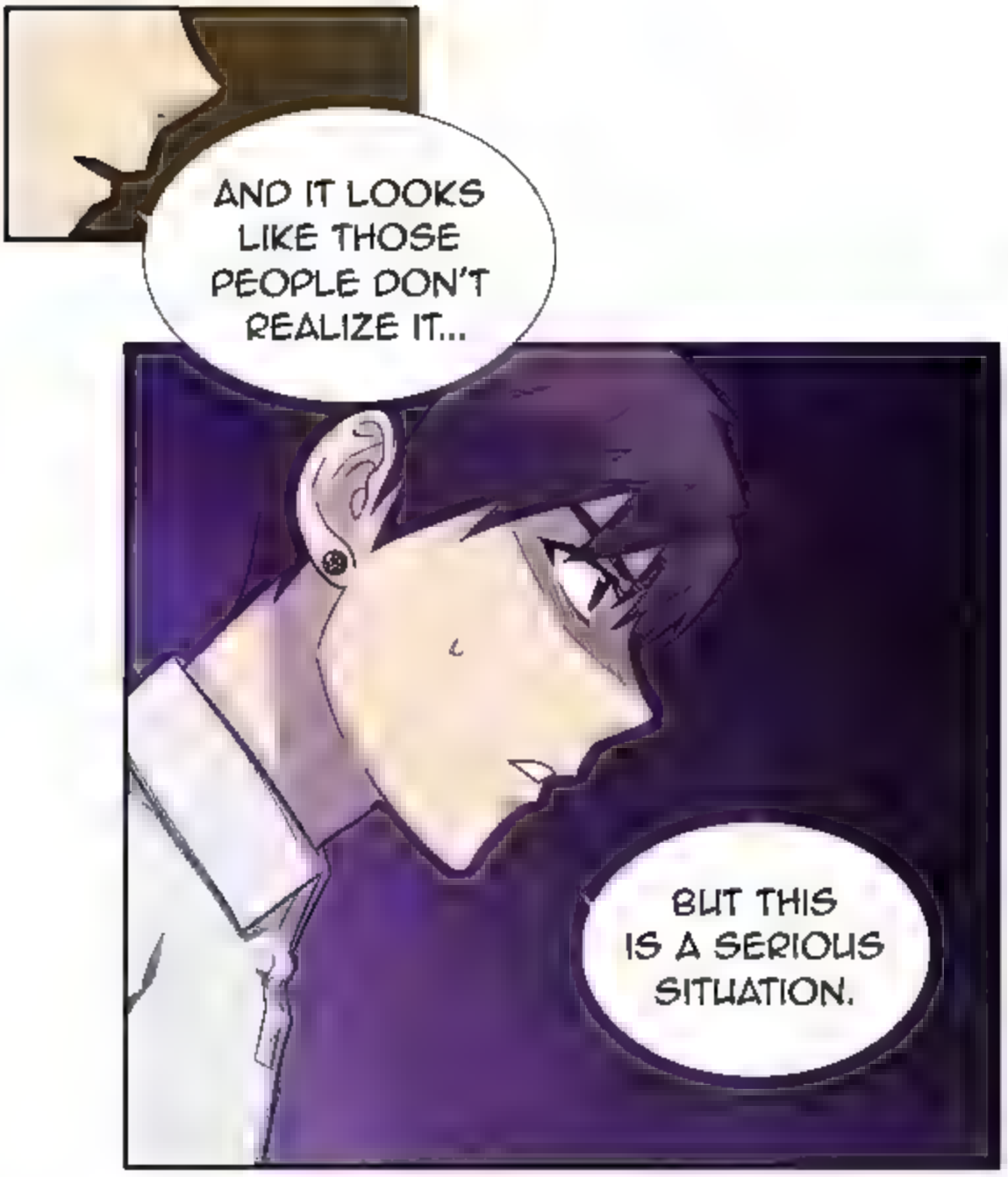
PLUS THE PEOPLE HERE THINK OF IT AS A SPECIAL GAME, SO IT'S WIN-WIN FOR EVERYONE.
THERE'S ANOTHER PARTY IN HERE?

BUT I DON'T LIKE THIS GOD-LIKE ENTITY THAT WAS FORMED FROM THE IMAGINATIONS.
THIS PLACE ISN'T RESTRICTED FOR NOTHING...

EXCUSE ME... I KNOW WE JUST MET...
BUT COULD YOU HELP US OUT?
HELP YOU OUT? YOU WANT ME TO RUSH YOU?
SORRY. WE HAVE SOMETHING TO DO...
THAT'S ALRIGHT, I UNDERSTAND.

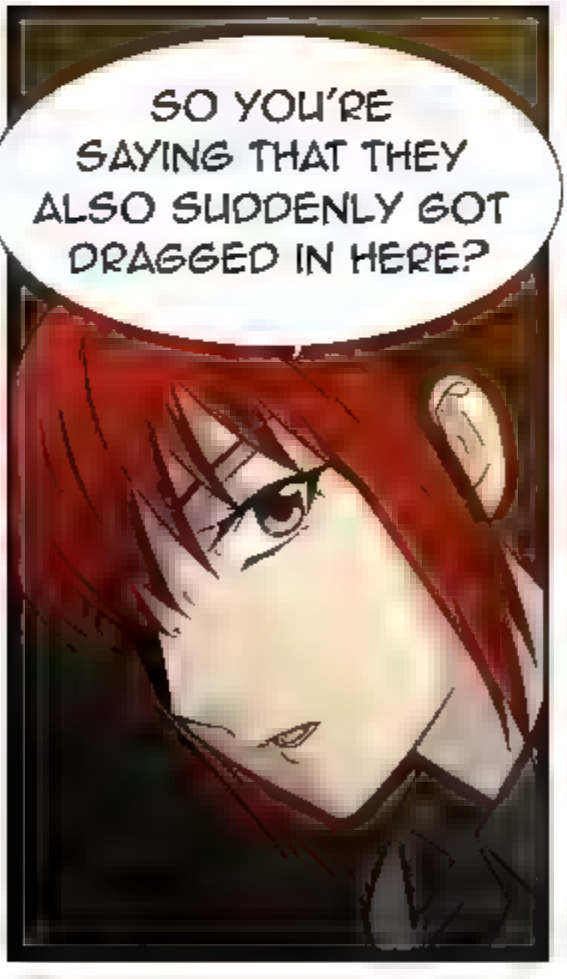
WELL,
SEE YOU LATER.
WE HAD BETTER
GET GOING...

WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?
FOR NOW,
LET'S BEAT THE
BOSS ON THE
FIRST FLOOR.
THEN MAYBE
WE CAN FIND
SOMETHING
OUT.


AND IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE IT...
BUT THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION.

WHAT'S SO SERIOUS ABOUT IT, JIHAN?

IF YOU LOOK AT THE AGE OF THOSE PEOPLE,
WE SUDDENLY CAME IN HERE DURING THE DAY, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKELY THAT THEY WERE NAPPING.


SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THEY ALSO SUDDENLY GOT DRAGGED IN HERE?

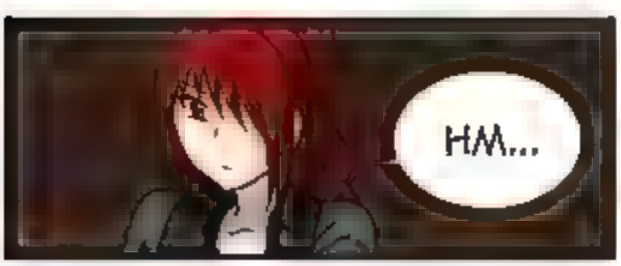
THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE CASE.

THE GUYS INTERFERING WITH THE ILLUSION BARRIER USING A SPELL LIKE THE GREAT LABYRINTH MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING.

THEN THIS IS DANGEROUS.

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S DANGEROUS. AND THERE'S A CHANCE...
A CHANCE OF WHAT?

THAT IF WE DIE HERE, WE COULD REALLY DIE.


HM...

BUT ISN'T THAT HOW IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN?
BECAUSE... WE'RE BUG PLAYERS.

BUT THOSE PEOPLE ARE REGULAR PLAYERS.
THERE'S ANOTHER PARTY IN HERE?
WHAT IF THOSE PEOPLE DIE?

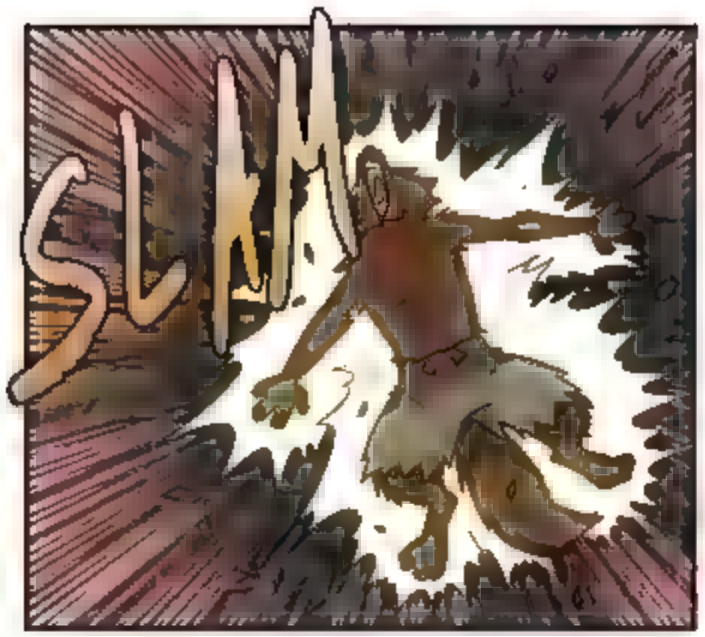
THAT WOULD BE FAR-FETCHED.

OF COURSE IT IS...
BUT IT IS POSSIBLE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

SINCE THE GUYS WHO SET ALL OF THIS UP HAVE SHOWN THEIR TRUE SELVES.

FOR NOW, SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MAY HAPPEN... LET'S TRY TO MOVE AROUND WITHOUT KILLING ANYONE.
I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU.

THE GAMER


SLAM

TSSSS

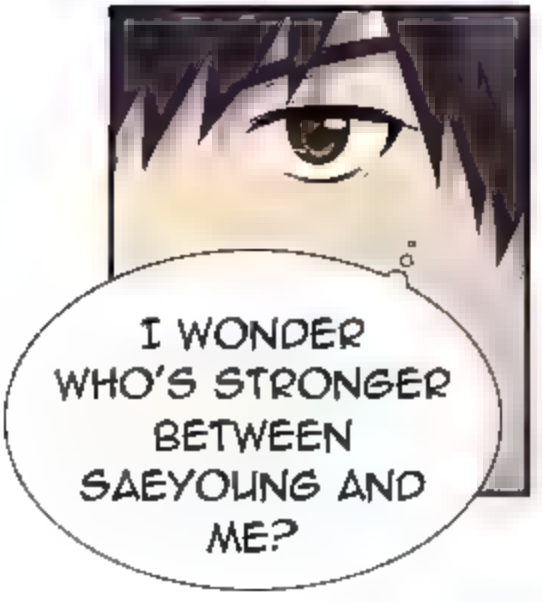
THEY'RE WEAK.
THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST FLOOR.
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE SIXTH FLOOR TO REALLY FEEL LIKE YOU'RE STRONG.

WHAT'S ON THE SIXTH FLOOR?
THERE ARE GUYS WHO USE MAGIC. SOME OF THEM ARE STRONG, TOO.

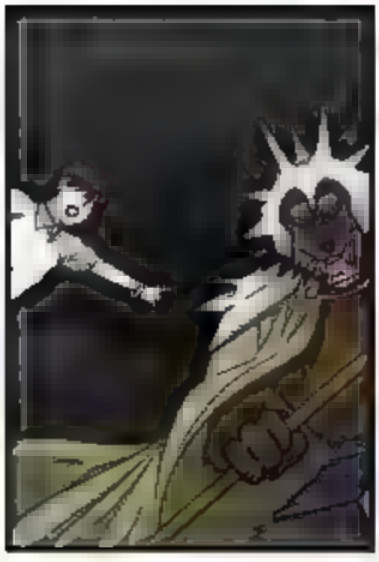
THE BOSS IS A FLAME GOLEM, AND HE'S VERY TOUGH.
HE'S HARD FOR MELEE PLAYERS TO BEAT.
A FLAME GOLEM?

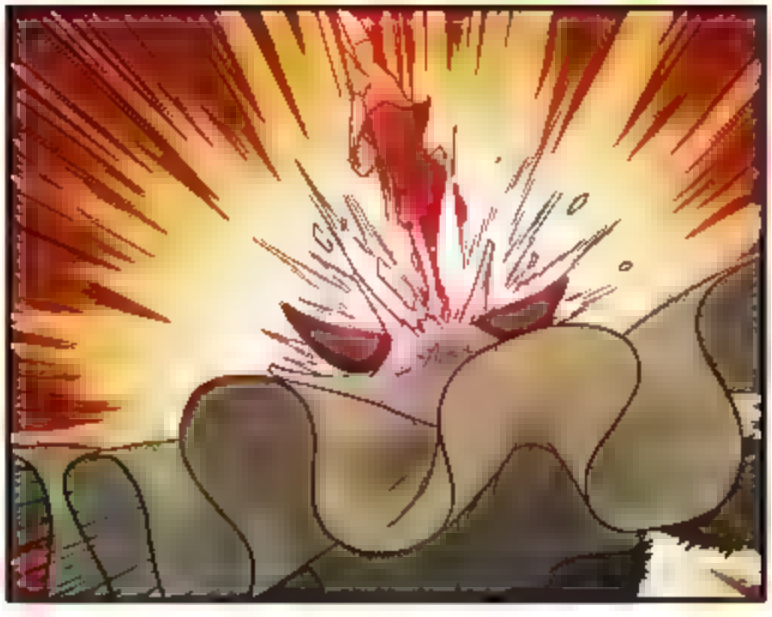
HM...
I DON'T MIND FLAME-TYPES.
AH, YEONHON CLAN SKILL?
THAT'S RIGHT.

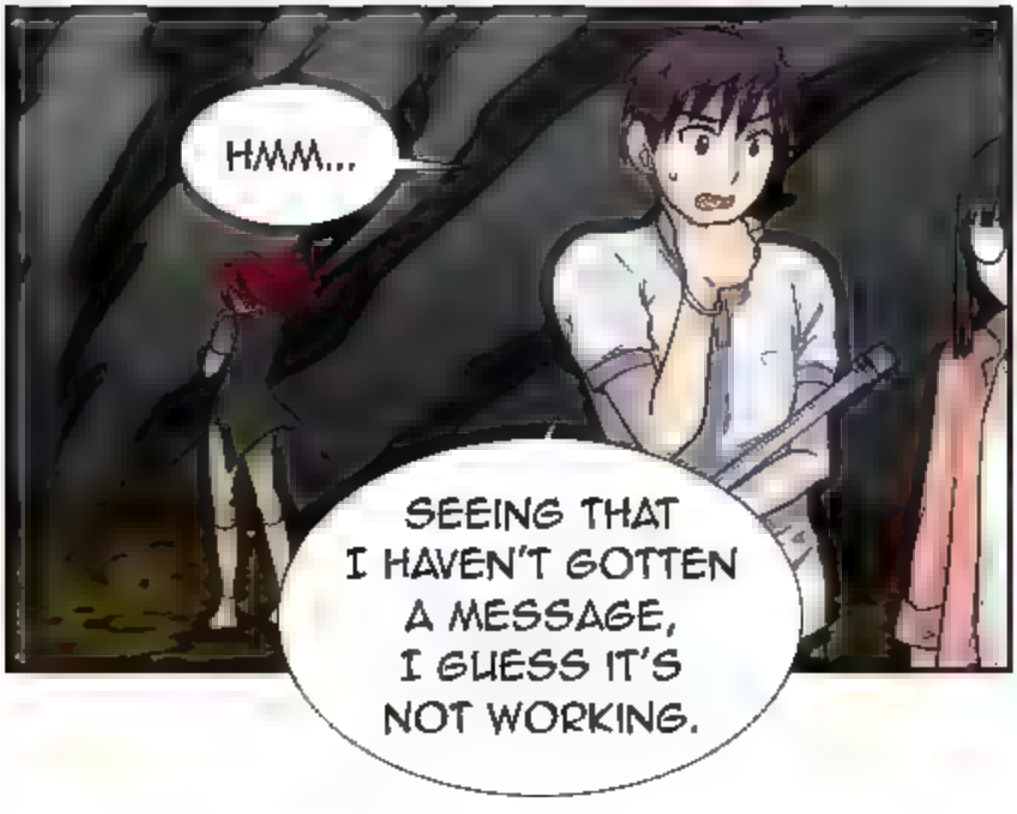
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RESISTANT TO FIRE ATTACKS. HMM, VERY INTERESTING.
SHOULD I LEARN YEONHON CLAN SKILLS?


I WONDER WHO'S STRONGER BETWEEN SAEYOUNG AND ME?

I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER RIGHT NOW.






HMM...
SEEING THAT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A MESSAGE, I GUESS IT'S NOT WORKING.

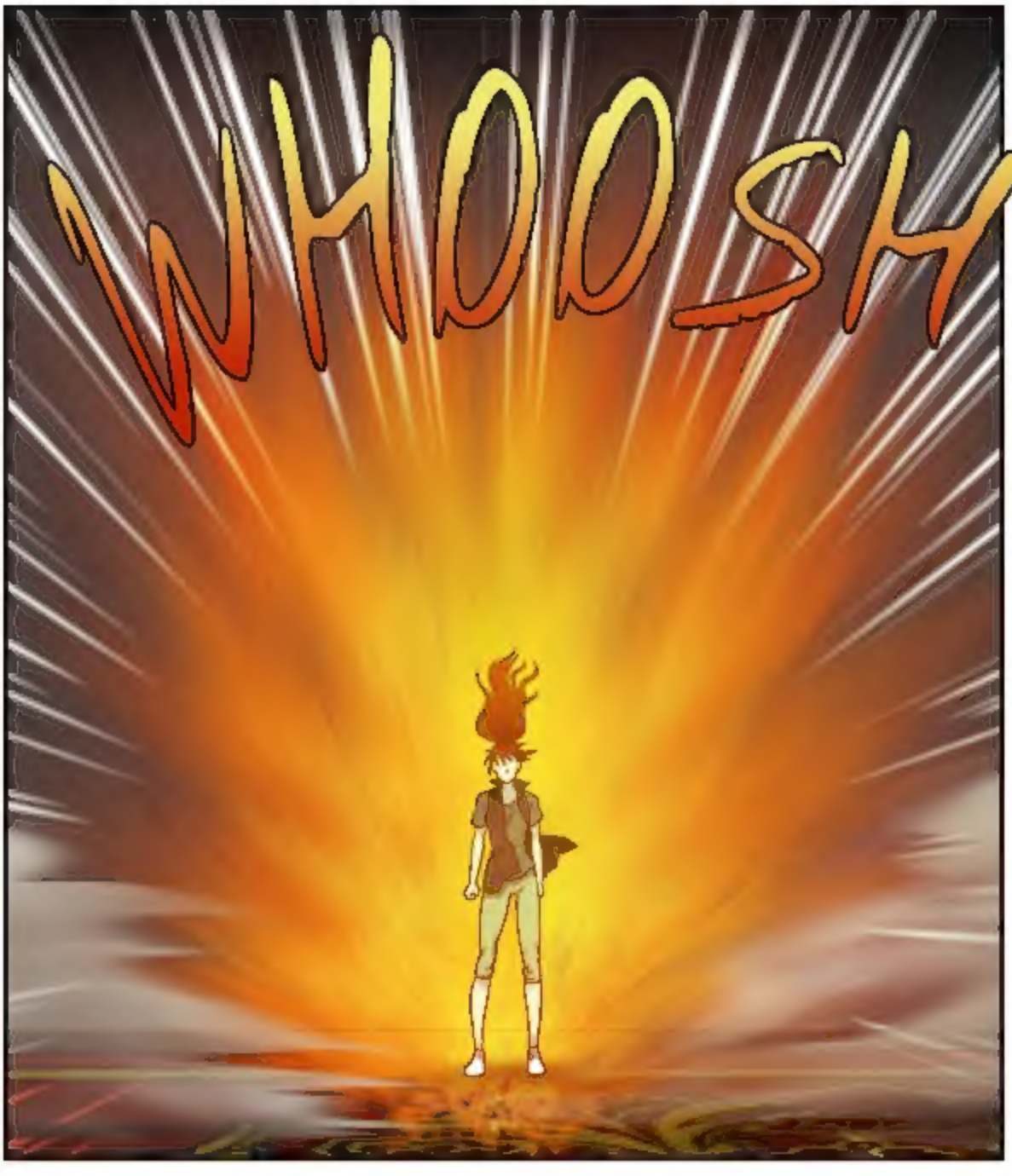
WE'LL HAVE TO THINK OF A DIFFERENT ESCAPE ROUTE.

I GUESS SO. BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO ESCAPE...

IT LOOKS LIKE DESTROYING THE BARRIER IS OUR BEST OPTION.
WHAT...? I STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED ANY SPELLS TO DESTROY BARRIERS, THOUGH.

IT'S EASY IF YOU GIVE IT A SHOT.
HM? IT'S EASY?

SINCE YOU JUST HAVE TO APPLY FORCE TO THE SPACE ITSELF.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HM...
IT'S A STRONG BARRIER. IT WON'T BREAK.
WHISH

LINE Webtoon